

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Barbara Ann "Bobbie"
Householder of Alcoa.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Bobbie Householder; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Householder was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Although she was never elected to public office, Bobbie Householder was one of Blount County's best-known people through her volunteer work and her years of association with the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, A native of Knoxville, Mrs. Householder initially served as a volunteer with the Chamber of Commerce; by the end of her tenure in 1994 after 33 years of service, she had ascended to a leadership position within the organization, having served as the Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Foundation, and the Smoky Mountain Visitors Bureau, three of the four organizations under the Blount Partnership's administrative umbrella; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her other duties, she helped organize and coordinate Homecoming '86 for Blount County, the Adopt-A-School program, Leadership Blount, and the Blount County Dogwood Arts Festival; she also was extremely active in the Maryville-Alcoa Jaycettes, an organization involved in initial promotion of tourism efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Householder retired with the title of Vice President of Community Development for the Blount County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Householder's notable efforts to better her community were recognized when she was honored with the 2001 Pride of Tennessee Award; and

WHEREAS, Since 1994, she served as President of the Friends of the Library, a member of the Keep Blount Beautiful Board of Directors, a member of the Blount County Bicentennial Committee, an officer with the Blount County Education Foundation, and Co-Chairman of the Blount County Millenium Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Householder also ably served for several years as Chairman for the United Way of Blount County's Day of Caring and in other volunteer roles for United Way; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Householder was an active and devout member of the Broadway United Methodist Church, which she served faithfully for many years as the Communications Coordinator for the Holston Conference United Methodist Women; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Householder was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Householder enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Glen, and was the proud mother of Gary Householder, Alan Householder, and Glenda Eastridge; and

WHEREAS, She will be sorely missed by her grandchildren, Cindy and Brian Householder and Jeff and Amy Eastridge; sister, Grace Goode; brother, Richard Hubbs; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Householder leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Bobbie Householder, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Householder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.